

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	28 May 1999
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Vicarious Sensitization Treatment Manual
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Northwest Media Inc
Author:	Mark R. Weinrott Ph.D.
Format:	Treatment Manual
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to agencies approved under Section 403 of the Children, Young Persons, and Their Families Act (1989) to provide treatment to adolescents who have sexually offended.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The publication entitled *Vicarious Sensitization Treatment Manual* is classified as: Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to agencies approved under Section 403 of the Children, Young Persons, and Their Families Act (1989) to provide treatment to adolescents who have sexually offended.

The publication is a treatment manual which has a very limited and specific bona fide use and there is likely injury to the public good from making it more widely available because it contains sexually arousing fantasies documented by adolescents who have engaged in sexual activity with prepubescent children. In their fantasies the adolescent offenders describe how they entrap children and engage in sexual activity with them. Making freely available a publication which contains sexually arousing fantasies about criminal acts, namely adolescents engaging in sexual activity and incest with children, would be a way of both promoting and encouraging these acts, by providing males with a way of being sexually aroused by and rationalizing such acts. Several of the fantasies involve emotional cruelty towards the victim, and some involve degrees of psychological and physical sexual coercion of the child in question. The fantasies clearly exploit the nudity of children who are described entirely in a manner which reduces them to objects of sexual arousal.

Therefore the Classification Office finds that the availability of the publication would be likely to be injurious to the public good unless it is restricted to the agencies approved under the relevant New Zealand legislation to provide treatment to adolescents who have sexually offended. Restricting this publication to bona fide sexual therapists working with adolescents would prevent any injury to the public good that could arise if the publication were to be used solely for sexual arousal as opposed to being used as part of an aversion therapy. Legitimate academic researchers do not need access to this manual. A study summarizing the treatment would be sufficient for their purposes. The limitation placed upon the availability of this publication is therefore considered to be reasonable and demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society in terms of s5 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

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